EH&S Career Feature

Success found to those who help

Considered Becoming an Environmental Health and Safety Worker? Amongst the jobs that are available, it takes someone special to consider this field of work. There are so many things that you can consider, much of which can benefit the health and safety, not only the environment but of others, like yourself.

We are going to take a more in depth look at some of these environmental and health positions that you may be interested in doing. Not only that, we will be looking at the money that you can make and what it takes to qualify you for the position.

Whether you are into the new "green" trend that is going around or you simply love the idea of helping the environment and others along the way, you may consider becoming an environmental health and safety professional. There are definitely certain criteria that need to uphold in order to join this field.

Perhaps you may want to look into going abroad with your studies. Some companies will allow you to travel overseas to take courses and learn hands on the ins and outs of becoming an environmental health and safety professional.

Accident investigation is part of analyzing the scene of an accident. There are course that you have to take to ensure that you know how to properly conduct an investigation. A lot of the work related accidents could be prevented if OSHA rules were upheld.

It is the job of the EHS worker to find the reasons the accident happened and make sure that the rules are reiterated and upheld to prevent it from happening again.

Say there was an oil spill? It is up to the environmental health professional to make sure that the air is safe and to check for any other air borne toxins as well as the toxins that are spilled in whatever area the accident occurred.

Have you ever seen a rig flipped over? Then saw a man wearing a puffy white suit and helmet type hat with a clear face cover? Those are EHS workers. They are simply testing the area for toxins.

While taking courses, this is what you can expect. For the most part, these particular fields will be available according to your interest. It all depends on what school you attend and their requirements.

How important is the quality of air that we breathe? For some of us it may be as important as making it a career of choice. We also know that asbestos is another form of airborne toxin. In the field of environmental health, there are experts that test the air for this toxin.

If you want, there are also areas in construction that offer employment opportunities in this field. Not to mention, there are other areas that can use a facility code compliance observer. They make sure that the grounds are in compliance with city codes and ordinance.

You may also take interest in watching out for the hazardous materials that are transported from one area to the next. This takes a watchful eye and definitely extra precautions because you are working closely with hazards that are lethal. OSHA requirements are extremely strict, especially in this area.

Don't think that because you are working with the "environment" that the services are working with just outdoor hazards. EHS careers consist of a variety of things, including working for OSHA. OSHA guidelines are strictly followed especially in hospitals, because you are dealing with the health and well-being of humans.

An environmental health and safety worker would have to make sure that the hospital is upholding the rules and sanitary regulations of the hospital facility and OSHA requirements. You will find that you are required to know how to record and keep up with OSHA requirements, not to mention taking extensive courses for OSHA for anything like record keeping to hazardous waste guidelines and waste sites.

If you decide that this is the type of career that you are looking to pursue a career in this field, you can expect to earn about $42-49K annually. That is just in the lower class and

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more rural areas. If you want to move your expertise into a bigger field, you are looking at about $60-100K annually.

There are so many listings for environmental health and safety workers. It is about experience and the desire to serve the environment around you. You will find on line schools that offer specific courses that will enhance your expertise.

With such a wide range of opportunity, there is something for everyone to discover. You may also choose to make this a career or simply a job. You may choose the mediocre aspects of an EHS job or the extreme toxic over spills and work accident investigations.

Finding the perfect EHS career opportunity for you shouldn't be difficult because there are so many things that you can do as an environmental safety worker. Because of the different opportunities that are available as an environmental health and safety worker, there are chances that you may be able to travel as well. It depends on if you are working for the state or government. There are many opportunities to choose from.

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